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SUBJECT: WAREHOUSED NARCOTICS COMMODITIES

REF: LEE-CHESHES TELECON 4/19/78

1. REFERENCED TELEPHONE CONVERSATION REQUESTED DEPARTMENT VIEWS CONCERNING THE MORE THAN \$300,000 INC COMMODITIES CURRENTLY WAREHOUSED IN BOGOTA. PROVIDED THE ENFORCEMENT ENTITIES FOR WHICH THE COMMODITIES WERE SENT ARE HONORING APPLICABLE AGREEMENTS AND ARE CAPABLE OF ABSORBING THE COMMODITIES IN FURTHERANCE OF NARCOTICS OBJECTIVES WE SEE NO REPEAT NO REASON TO DELAY FURTHER THE DISTRIBUTION OF THIS EQUIPMENT. WE CANNOT AT THIS TIME ENVISION A FULLY ORGANIZED AND OPERATIONAL JUDICIAL POLICE AS CURRENTLY PLANNED CAPABLE OF CARRYING THE ENTIRE NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT BURDEN IN COLOMBIA. MOREOVER, IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING  
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THAT THE FORMATION OF THE JUDICIAL POLICE DOES NOT REPEAT DOES NOT DEPRIVE THE OTHER ENTITIES OF THEIR AUTHORITY OR RESPONSIBILITY IN NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT. IT WOULD, THEREFORE, SEEM WISE TO MAINTAIN CLOSE COOPERATION WITH EXISTING ANTI-NARCOTICS ORGANIZATIONS AS THEY ARE CERTAIN TO RETAIN NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT FUNCTIONS FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE.

2. THERE IS SUFFICIENT FUNDING PROGRAMMED TO SUPPORT JUDICIAL POLICE REQUIREMENTS (IF AND WHEN A BILATERAL PROAG AGRMENT IS SIGNED), AS WELL AS OTHER COLOMBIAN NARCOTICS UNITS. THERE SHOULD NOT BE A QUESTION OF COMPETITION FOR AVAILABLE US FUNDS.

3. DEPARTMENT AND CUSTOMS SUSCRIBE TO ABOVE VIEWS. DEA FEELS WE SHOULD HOLD UP ALL DISTRIBUTION OF COMMODITIES EXCEPT THOSE DESTINED TO THE AG, RATHER THAN RISK LOSING AG COOPERATION, AT LEAST UNTIL WE HAVE A CLARIFICATION OF AG STATUS.

4. UNLESS EMBASSY HAS VIEWS TO THE CONTRARY, CONSIDER THIS CABLE AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED WITH DELIVERY OF SUBJECT COMMODITIES. CHRISTOPHER

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